

Powder Point Bridge

THE GURNET BRIDGE.

We publish elsewhere a letter in regard to the bridge connecting the mainland with the beach at Duxbury. Our correspondent states that this should be called the Gurnet bridge. Very possibly that is its official title, but we have heard it called more frequently "the long bridge," or the Duxbury long bridge. He says: "The official name is the 'Gurnet bridge,' because it connects the Gurnet settlement to the town of Plymouth, to which it belongs." On this point we can only say that the Gurnet settlement is nearer four than three miles from the eastern end of the bridge, over a beach where there is practically no well-defined road. If our memory serves us, two cottages were built on the beach not far from the end of the bridge, but we have been told that they were unprofitable investments and during several seasons they were not occupied. The inference might be drawn from this letter that the land end of the bridge was in the town of Plymouth, but such is not the case, for it is within the limits of the town of Duxbury. Further, we do not think that any great amount of traffic goes over this bridge to the cottages at the Green Harbor settlement on the beach, more than a mile north of the bridge. We see no reason in what our correspondent says to change our original statement, which was that the town of Duxbury would be very glad to turn the cost of maintenance of this bridge over to the county, and that the city of Brockton and some of the towns in the county could be depended on to oppose this plan. Nor do we think our correspondent has proved that the good which has been accomplished by its construction is commensurate with its cost.